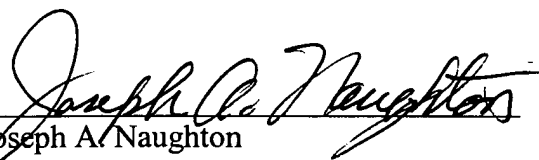


the pressure on the upstream side when the valve is closed. In Applicant's disclosure, that is the seal 18 in Applicant's disclosure and drawings. That is the one from which the leak is evident when the valve is closed and under pressure. Therefore, it is the one whose need for replacement is typically most evident. It is the convenient replacement of that seal, even while the valve is pressurized, to which the present invention is directed. No doubt Examiner Walton was aware of all of this, and noting our inadvertent recital of "second" at the end of the first paragraph of claim 1, raised the question. The present amendment corrects that inadvertent recital, changing "second" to "first".

Having reviewed the background, and the Examiner's comments regarding claim 1, it is believed that the present amendment adequately addresses all of the points mentioned and that it is now in good form and allowable. Some of the dependent claims have also been amended to improve their form. Therefore, it is believed that all of the claims, as now presented, define patentable invention and are allowable. Allowance thereof is solicited so that this application may mature into a patent.

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